

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/824,237

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/12/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5,7,9,11,13-20,23-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment of 6/12/06 has been entered.
2. The new title is acceptable.

Prior Art Made of Record

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Conmy et al teach an alternative meeting time.
Brown et al teach an alternative exercise machine reservation.
Okayama et al teach an alternative reservation suggestion and cancellation of the current reservation.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 13, 14, 23, 25, 26 are allowable.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per Claim 1.

The prior art of record, specifically Visconti (6,876,973) in view of Waytena (5,978,770), does not disclose or fairly teach:

an alternative event information outputting section for outputting first alternative event information on an event substituting for said reservation-needed service;

wherein said transmitting section, when the reservation is completed by said reservation managing section, transmits, to the user terminal, second alternative event information, which is different from the reservation-needed service and the first alternative event information and is practicable for a user of the user terminal.

As per Claim 13.

The prior art of record, specifically Visconti (6,876,973) in view of Waytena (5,978,770), does not disclose or fairly teach:

an alternative event information outputting section for outputting alternative event information on an event substituting for said reservation-needed service;

wherein said other reservation information notifying section outputs, to said transmitting section, practicable alternative event information, out of the alternative event information, as practicable event information;

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wherein said other reservation information notifying section is made to extract a longest event taking a maximum performance time among events, included in said alternative event information, on the basis of an event end time obtained by adding said waiting time to a performance time to be taken for each of said events, for including the extracted longest event in said practicable event information.

As per Claim 14.

The prior art of record, specifically Visconti (6,876,973) in view of Waytena (5,978,770), does not disclose or fairly teach:

an alternative event information outputting section for outputting first alternative event information on an event substituting for said reservation-needed service;

wherein said other reservation information notifying section outputs, to said transmitting section, practicable alternative event information, out of the alternative event information, as practicable event information;

wherein said other reservation information notifying section is made to extract a longest event taking a maximum performance time among events, included in said alternative event information, on the basis of an event end time obtained by adding said waiting time to a performance time to be taken for each of said events, for including the extracted longest event in said practicable event information and outputting the longest event included in said practicable event information.

As per Claim 23.

The prior art of record, specifically Visconti (6,876,973) in view of Waytena (5,978,770), does not disclose or fairly teach:

A transmitting section for transmitting the desired service or desired event selected in the selecting section to said reservation server, wherein said receiving section, after completion of reservation based on the desired service or the desired event is transmitted by said transmitting section, receives second alternative event information, which is different from the reservation needed service and the first alternative event information and is practicable for a user of the user terminal.

As per Claim 25.

The prior art of record, specifically Visconti (6,876,973) in view of Waytena (5,978,770), does not disclose or fairly teach:

a reservation server for outputting at least either one of (i) store information including a reservation-needed service requiring reservation and a reservation information of said reservation-needed service and (ii) first alternative event information on an event substituting for said reservation-needed service to said user terminal, including:

an alternative event information outputting section for outputting first alternative event information;

wherein said first transmitting section, when the reservation is accepted by said reservation managing section, transmits second alternative event information, which is

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different from the reservation-needed service and the first alternative event information and is practicable for a user of the user terminal.

As per Claim 26.

The prior art of record, specifically Visconti (6,876,973) in view of Waytena (5,978,770), does not disclose or fairly teach:

a first transmitting step in which a reservation server transmits, to a user terminal at least one store information including a reservation-needed service requiring reservation and a reservation information of said reservation-needed service and first alternative event information on an event substituting for said reservation-needed service;

a third transmitting step for transmitting, to said user terminal, second alternative event information, which is different from said reservation-needed service and the first alternative event information and is practicable for the user.

The claims that depend from the above allowable claims are allowable for the same reasons.

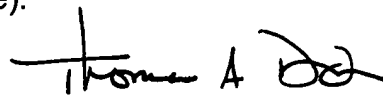
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Dixon whose telephone number is (571) 272-6803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on (571) 272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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